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Police Officer John Carlson has a new K9 partner. He is pictured with his German shepherd named Bane.

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Faienza and Smith compete to be mayor

by Mark Jahne
Editor

Incumbent Republican Enzo Faienza and Democrat challenger Kenneth Smith are the candidates for mayor in the Nov. 7 municipal election. The longtime residents both hope to lead their respective parties to victory and a majority on the Town Council.

They spoke with Cromwell LIFE about the campaign and their political and civic backgrounds.

Enzo Faienza

Enzo Faienza

Enzo Faienza has lived in town for 37 years and is a graduate of Cromwell High School. A business owner, he earned a degree in accounting from the University of Hartford and is married and the father of a 9-year-old daughter.

"I'm honored to be Cromwell's first elected mayor. It is a privilege to represent the citizens of Cromwell. I will always work hard for our residents and businesses and keep their best interest at heart," he said.

Faienza served on the Board of Selectman for its final two years before Cromwell changed to a council/manager form of government. He then became mayor.

"I'm running for my third term. I grew up in this town and I love this town," he said.

"We have been fiscally responsible."
– Enzo Faienza

He listed the accomplishments he and the Republican-led Town Council have achieved over the past four years as reasons why he believes that he merits another term. The first is providing a high level of services while at the same time adopting austere budgets.

"We have been fiscally responsible," he said.

The town enjoys a AAA bond rating, allowing it to borrow money when needed at lower rates. Major road improvement and infrastructure projects have been completed throughout the town.

Streetlights were converted to LED bulbs, saving the town $100,000 annually. A splash pad and canopy were added at Watrous Park. Walking trails were added to Hoffman Farm behind the dog park.

Economic development efforts have led to the arrival of several new businesses. Town officials have visited more than 75 local businesses to create better relations. Grant money enabled the town to perform infrastructure improvements on County Line Road to prepare that area for commercial development.

"We're expecting some big things to come out of there," he said.

Improvements under way at Cromwell Landing include a handicapped-accessible fishing pier, walking trails and boardwalk. This is all being done with grant money.

Faienza's final item is improved cooperation between town government and the Board of Education to make sure local children are experiencing the best education the town can provide. He spoke of the challenge the town is facing with a significant expected reduction in state aid due to the state government's massive budget deficit.

State aid to government and schools makes up 10 percent of the municipal budget.

"More than ever, we need experienced leaders to help guide this town. I have been a voice for the residents. I have been accessible and transparent," he said.

"I just want to be part of [the town's] future … we're building the bridge to the future," Faienza added.

Kenneth Smith

Kenneth Smith

Kenneth Smith is a lifelong Democrat, former businessman and retired teacher who taught at public high schools in New Britain and Hartford. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Central Connecticut State University.

He has lived in town for 51 years and coached youth sports. Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962-65. Married with one son and also raising a granddaughter, he has volunteered as a baseball and softball umpire and coached youth sports. He is also a Freemason.

The one-time political action coordinator of the Connecticut Young Democrats became involved in local politics in 1970. He decided to run for mayor because he believes change is needed.

"I looked around at what's going on in town and 'm not happy. We have a mayor who ran unopposed twice," Smith said.

He disagrees with the charter changes that voters will find in addition to all of the candidates on the Nov. 7 ballot. His preference is to put those changes on hold and revisit the issue after conducting a survey of residents to make sure their desires are heard.

"What do you want? I want to put the 'we' back in Cromwell," Smith said. "We're going to revisit the charter and do what the people want."

He's also not a big fan of Town Manager Anthony Salvatore and questions some of his decisions. Smith thinks the current council simply rubber stamps Salvatore's proposals.

"There doesn't seem to be any restraint on the town manager," he said.

"Do you want to change what's going on?"
– Kenneth Smith

Because he is retired, he can donate his full time and energy to the mayor's job. Smith said it involves a lot more than attending meetings. He professed great affection for the community.

"It's a town that I love because of the people," he said.

He acknowledged that the state's budget crisis is a major factor in the immediate future of the town and that state aid to municipal government and schools may drop by millions of dollars. He pledged to continue funding public education.

"I don't know where we're going to get the money, but we're not going to cut the money for our schools," Smith said.

Town officials have spoken of building a new public works garage. He's not opposed, but pointed out that a site has not yet been selected and it will be an expensive undertaking.

"Let's first get through what's going on with the state," he said.

Smith added he is not one to simply fire off criticism and then walk away.

"If you don't like what's going on, do something about it, or shut up," he said. "It's your town. Do you want to change what's going on?" **CL**

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Not just bingo

Senior center offers diverse programming

by Allie Rivera
Staff Writer

As the bright sun shone in through the windows at the Cromwell Senior Center, Carol Deane focused all of her concentration on the screen before her.

In one quick motion, she pulled her arm back and flung it forward again, a long, white controller in her hand. The sound of bowling pins falling over on the TV screen was muffled by the room of people cheering her on.

"We have fun here," Deane said as she returned to her chair, allowing the next person to take a turn on the interactive video game. The Cromwell Senior Center, located in town hall, has become a larger hub of activity over the past six months since Amy Saada took over as director of senior and human services in February.

"We really upped the programs that we're offering," she said. "We have a large age range of people that come in and we wanted to figure out how we can offer programs that offer the full spectrum."

Working in this kind of environment is familiar to her. She has a lengthy career working in municipal government, including 18 years in a similar position in Naples, Fla., and during that time she learned how to

Carol Deane took her turn playing Wii bowling at the Cromwell Senior Center, just one of a wide range of programs that have been added over the past six months.

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create diverse programming for a wide range of senior citizens.

"It's not just bingo," Senior Center Assistant Cathi Jackson said. "There's a lot of activities, exercise, educational programs – we have a lot of different things."

Some of the newer activities include line dancing, pickle ball and lunch and learn sessions.

"The last one we did we had the Cromwell Police Department come to speak about scams and how to protect yourself," Saada said.

Other educational programs include a current events discussion group, a series on the practice of mindfulness and a six-month partnership with Barnum Financial Group that provides presentations on financial planning.

In addition to offering programs for senior citizens to stretch their minds, the center also has a wide variety of programs to keep their bodies moving.

"You can exercise every day of the week, sometimes twice a day if you want," Saada said. "We've got Tai Chi, yoga, adult dance, something for everybody, really."

For those who would prefer calmer activities, the senior center still offers more traditional activities such as bingo, billiards and a bridge club.

"They can come in and shop for what they need based on a points system instead of just being given a bag of food that they may or may not use, and it allows them to shop with dignity."

– Amy Saada

Before Saada's arrival those checking in to activities did so through paper sign-in sheets. Now residents can register as members of the center for free, or for a yearly $25 fee for those who reside out of town, and quickly scan a card to check in.

The center is now seeing between 100 and 120 people participating in activities per day due in large part to the increased programming.

"We've probably added over a dozen regular programs in the last six months," Saada said. "We've seen probably an additional 30 or 40 people a day."

Senior citizens also have greater opportunities to travel on day trips that have increased from once per week to three times per week.

"We have a lot of seniors who are still working, but were still interested, so we started doing evening and weekend outings as well," Saada said.

The thrice-weekly trips offer different experiences including museum visits, vineyard tours, shopping trips and even a Thimble Island cruise.

Although the past six months have brought an influx of activity at the center, those working there said the lack of usable space has become a larger problem. A typical day in the dining room only has 16 chairs.

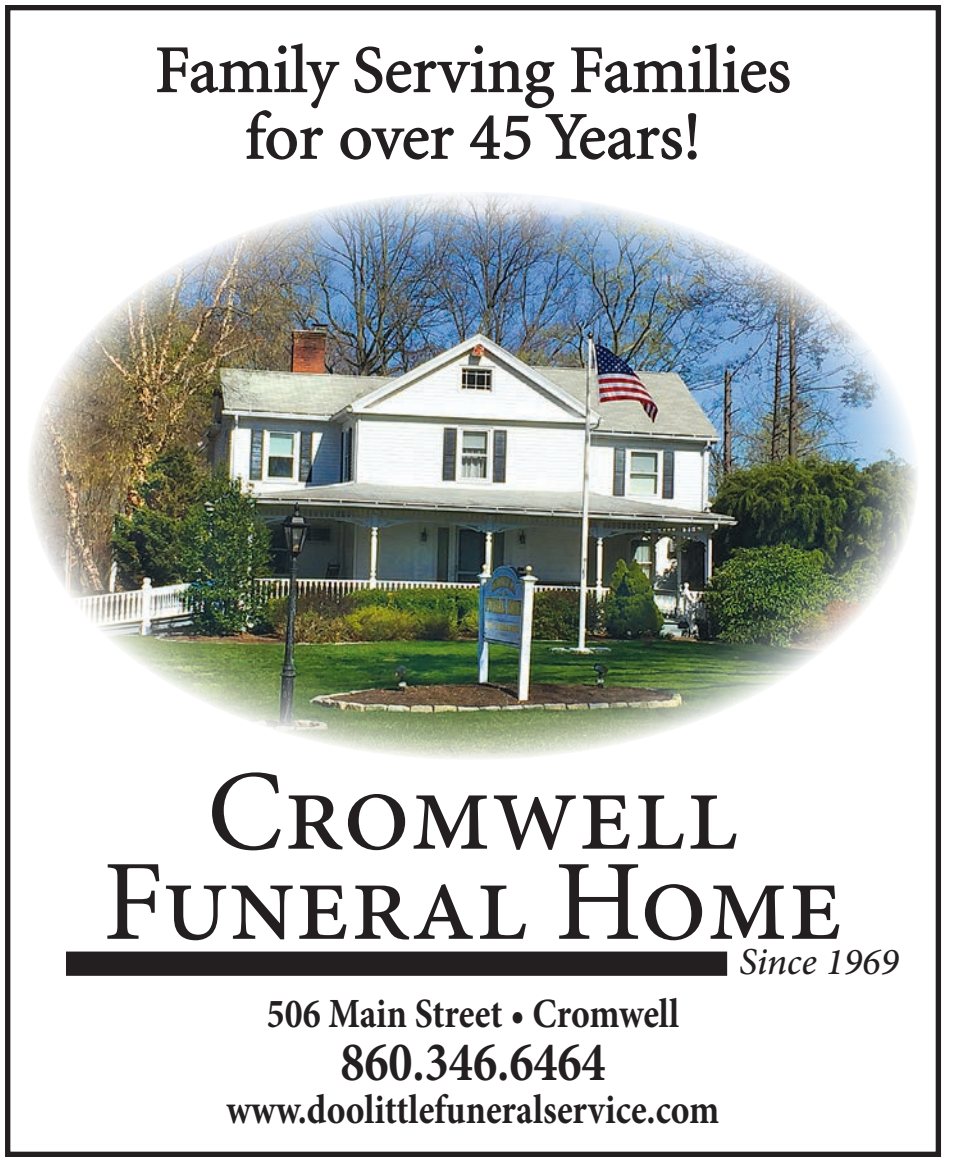
"We are so limited in space that we have to try to bring them to other places," Saada said.

The center has partnered with other local senior communities, including Covenant Village of Cromwell and Autumn Lake Healthcare, to provide resources and equipment when necessary.

"A lot of assisted living and nursing homes have been helping us," Saada said. "Everybody really works together."

At times, the two aspects of her job overlap. Senior citizens, as well as other Cromwell residents, have access to the My Benefits Checkup to learn what services are available.

"We sit down with them and go through all of their information with this program," Saada said. "Then it spits out a 15-page report of everything they qualify for."



The biggest obstacle for the human services side is the impending total revamping of the town's food pantry.

"We are moving to client choice," Saada said. "They can come in and shop for what they need based on a points system instead of just being given a bag of food that they may or may not use, and it allows them to shop with dignity."

"It's hard for me to pick out exactly what they want," Human Services Assistant Lisa Olson said. "If they pick out their own food, it's less likely to later come back to me."

Saada is committed to letting people live with dignity and she and her staff are prepared to help residents in any way they can, be that creating new programs based on suggestions or providing transportation to the center for homebound elderly.

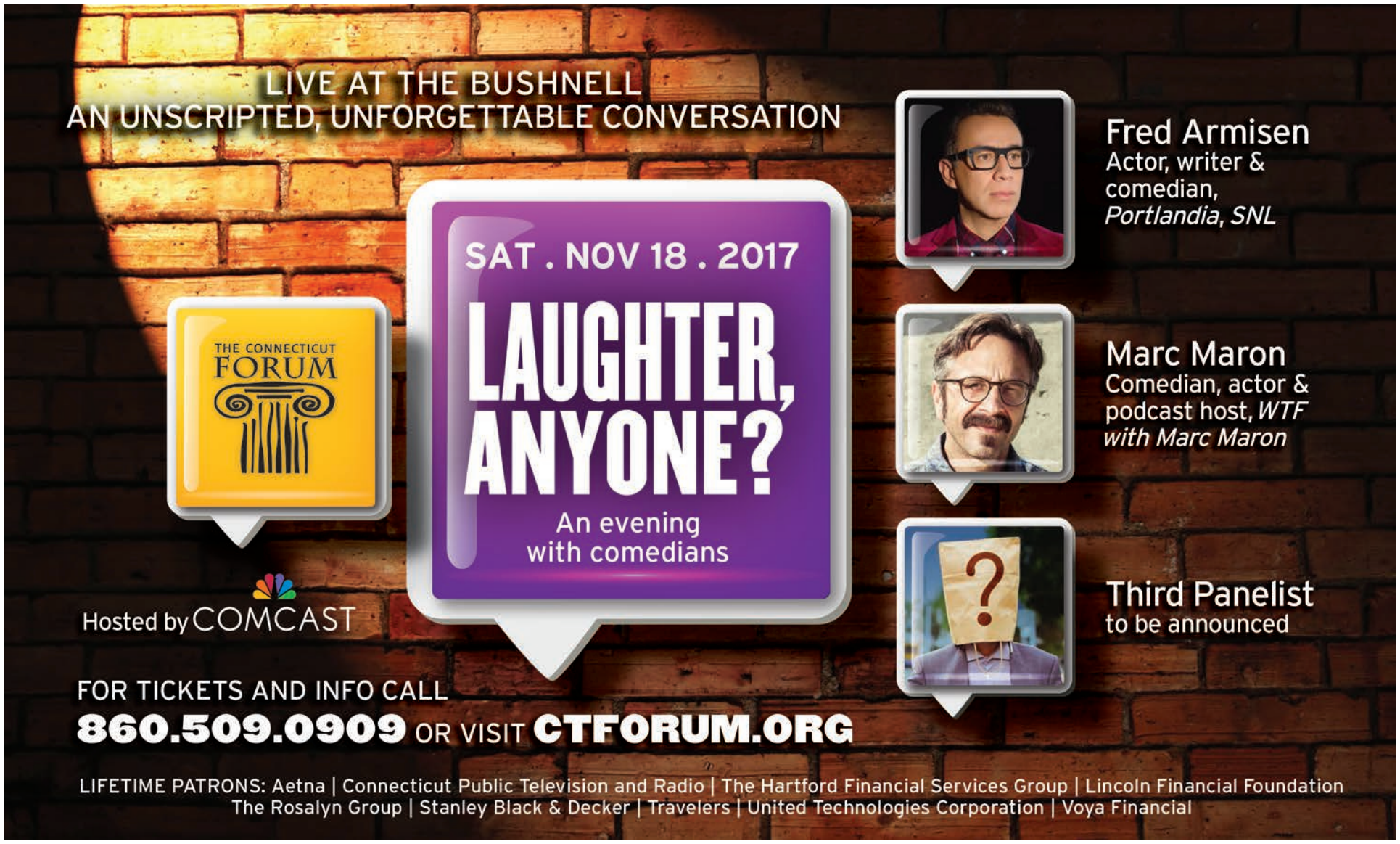
"The goal of a senior center is to decrease isolation and promote socialization," she said.

Saada and her staff encourage people to speak with them if they are struggling in any way.

"A lot of seniors are on fixed incomes and qualify for these programs," she said. "Come talk to us if you're struggling to pay for medications or you feel like you have to choose between food and medicines. We don't want people to go without." **CL**

The Cromwell Senior Center and Human Services Department are located in town hall at 41 West St. The senior center can be reached at 860-632-3447. The Human Services Department can be reached at 860-632-3449.

The Cromwell Senior Center and town human services staff often work hand-in-hand to provide resources to older residents. The town's food pantry is in the process of switching to a client choice model, allowing those in need the opportunity to choose the foods they want for their families.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Elba Borges took up painting after moving to Cromwell from Puerto Rico.

Cromwell artist switches from clay to paint

Has work at Chester gallery

by Mara Dresner
Staff Writer

She had always enjoyed art, even winning an award as a high school student in Puerto Rico where she grew up. But Elba Carreras de Borges (who also is known as Elba Borges) didn't pursue it as a career, choosing instead to become an attorney.

One day a friend of convinced her to accompany her to an art lecture on Cerámicas by Susana Espinosa.

"I didn't want to go," Borges admitted. "I went. She didn't stay."

Not only did Borges enjoy the lecture, she began taking classes.

"I ended up with my own studio, my own kilns. I was sculpting pieces in clay, both kiln and Raku fired," she said.

She moved from Puerto Rico to Cromwell in 2007, joining other family who were already living in Connecticut.

"I joined Wesleyan Potters [in Middletown] right away. [Clay] was my passion, but clay behaved differently in Connecticut from how it behaved in the tropics," she said.

"I did some pieces. I was used to having my own kiln where you can control the fire. If you fire high, high for a short time, pieces can shrink too much, so they're different from what you had in mind."

She stayed with Wesleyan Potters for two years. Her sister Aida Grabowski started to push her to take painting classes.

"She wouldn't leave me alone; she would not let it go. Just to pacify her, I went to the West Hartford Art League," Borges said.

She didn't immediately fall in love with paint.

"If it hadn't been for Jean Watson, I don't think I would have continued. I was very frustrated with myself. She was painting next to me and she came over and gave me a little pep talk," Borges said.

"It was Jean who convinced me to continue and the rest is history. That was eight years ago. I had not painted since high school, but I found myself loving it with the same passion that I had once felt for ceramics."

Borges, who continues to take classes at the West Hartford Art League, also hosts a group of painters at her home that meets each Monday. They are known as the North Road Painters.

"We sort of critique each other's work. Jean yesterday was saying, 'What blue is that?' She didn't say, 'That's the wrong blue,'" Borges said.

While she has a studio at her

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home, she often paints in her kitchen. She's been painting for six years and her work has been featured in galleries such as Maple & Main Gallery of Fine Art in Chester.

"I would describe her paintings as impressionistic. Primarily a landscape painter, she often paints in the 'tonalist' tradition, reminiscent of George Inness, searching for the light. Elba often paints scenes in her hometown of Cromwell, as well as many scenes from Connecticut, that catch her eye" Watson, a Berlin resident, said.

"She has a penchant for painting very large paintings which often leads to a very dramatic composition and image. Elba has shared her love for painting by opening up a studio for her friends during the summer months," she added.

"This affords everyone an opportunity to paint as well as critique each other's paintings. She's very generous, a very giving person."

Borges, who took about a year off before moving into painting, uses oils, which was offered in the first class she took in West Hartford.

"That was from day one. I never did watercolor; I never did acrylic. Whatever they had been offering is what I would have been gone into," she said.

Her paintings usually feature landscapes such as marshes or flowers.

"Here's what I find amazing. Everybody says my paintings are so calm, so safe, so serene. That's not me at all. I'm the total opposite. Another part takes over, I guess," Borges said.

While many artists enjoy plein air painting, she is not one of them.

"I find it buggy," she said with a laugh.

"I don't know if it's my perfume, but they seem to go after me more. I totally understand how van Gogh went crazy. The light changes so rapidly. I can paint anywhere indoors. I can paint in my studio, but I mostly paint on that [kitchen] island."

She and her husband Eddy, who met at the law firm where they both worked, have filled their home with art.

"My husband will say, 'Why won't you put a critter in there?' I'd

Courtesy photos

Artist Elba Borges remembers her mother's beautiful gardens and a number of her works feature flowers, such as "The Griswold."

it. I like to someday, maybe some cows in a pasture or I want the person to go in there," she said.

Right now, she's challenged enough by the landscapes, pointing to a piece that was inspired by the view from Apricots Restaurant in Farmington.

"I couldn't get it and couldn't get must have wiped that canvas clean three times. All of a sudden, it happened; I got it," Borges, who called trees her nemesis, said.

"You just feel it's right. You just feel it and you see it, of course. You just know this will work."

She likes taking classes and hav-

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Elba Borges grew up in Puerto Rico and has a love of the water. This painting is called "Purple Mist."

"The Painted Sky" is an oil on canvas painting by artist Elba Borges.

ing the North Road group because of the discipline it provides.

"It's so true, so real that practice does make perfect. I can go two or three months without painting. There are different reasons: I get busy, I get lazy," she said.

"If I start a painting and it's not doing well, it makes you want to keep painting. If I start a painting, I want to finish it and I want it to come out OK."

She often loses track of time while painting.

"I don't want to get teary eyed, but I can look at a blank canvas and start to paint and have no idea really and then it happens, like somebody or something else takes over. I can stand in front of canvas for eight hours and it takes over," she said.

She enjoys listening to music while she creates.

"I love music. I shower with music. I drive with music and sometimes way too loud. I go to bed with music. We have speakers outside. When I'm outside working, when I'm doing anything, I always have music," she said.

Borges especially enjoys painting to instrumentals and the oldies and is fond of guitarist Ottmar Liebert, who she first started to listen to in Puerto Rico decades ago and had the opportunity to see live at Infinity Hall in Hartford.

While she sometimes misses working with clay, she has fully embraced painting.

"I don't paint because I'm going to sell it, I just paint because I love it. It's really thrilling to think that someone will pay money for something you've done," she said.

"It's not the money, it's to think they're going to hang it in their home. It's a strange, thrilling feeling that somebody got it. Not that they got it physically, but that they understood it," Borges added. **CL**

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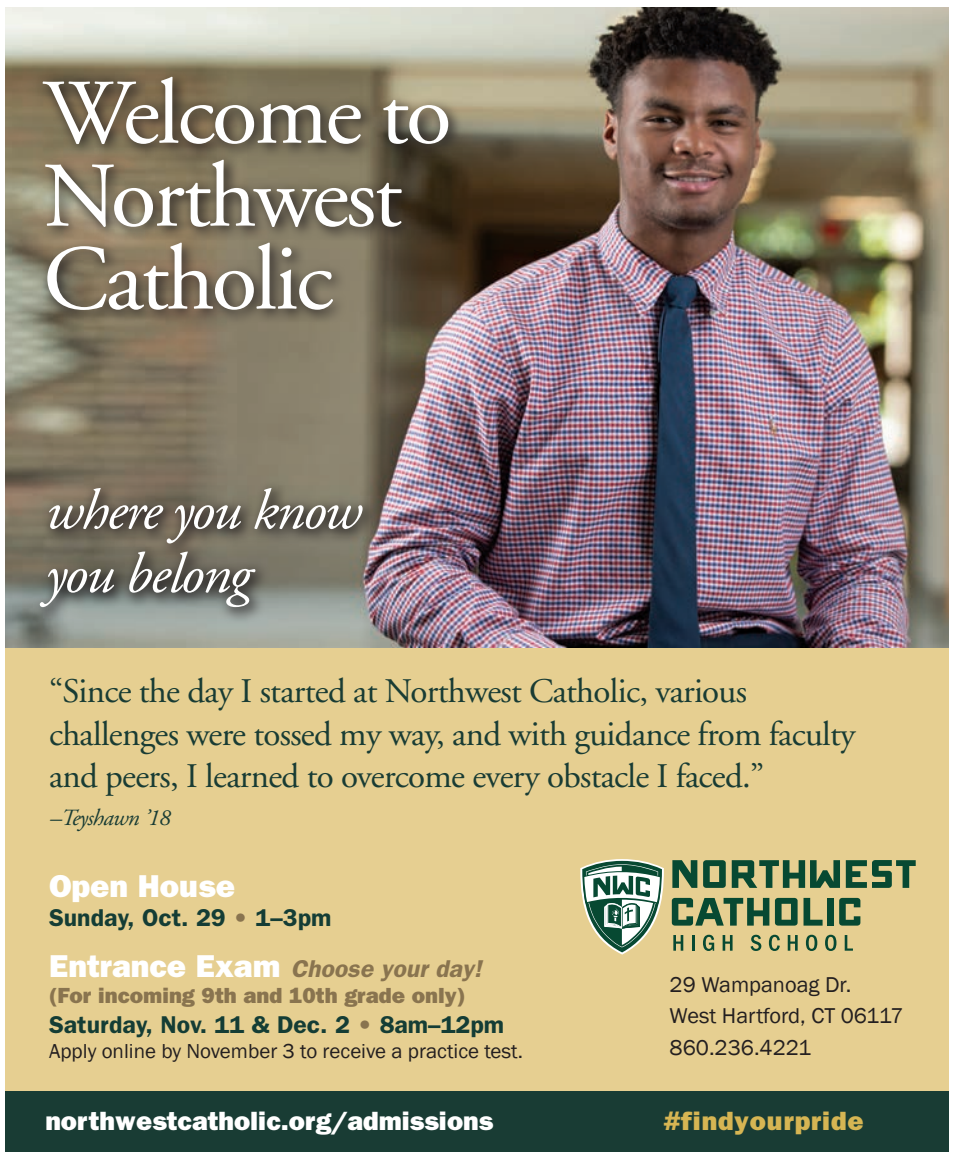
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3 **goPINK Party for Breast Cancer,** 6-8 p.m., Baci Grill, 134 Berlin Road, middlesexhospital.org/gopink, $15 admission

10 **Let's Gogh Art**, 3:30 p.m., for grades K-2, Edna C. Stevens School, 860-632-3467 or cromwellrec.com, also Oct. 17, 24 and 31, $99 for three months

13 **Cheers for Ädelbrook,** 6-10 p.m., Radisson Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, 860-635-6010 ext. 327 or sgraves@adelbrook.org

18 **Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers Connecticut Chapter 3**, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 41 West St., middlesexcountybluestarmothers.org

21 **Trick R Trunk,** 5-7:30 p.m., Pierson Park, celinakelleher2004@gmail.com

23 **Magic Workshop,** 3:30 p.m., for grades K-6, Edna C. Stevens School, $20 fee, 860-632-3467 or cromwellrec.com

24 **Vinyasa Flow Yoga for Adults,** 7:30 p.m., Town Hall arch room, $50 fee for three months, 860-632-3467 or cromwellrec.com

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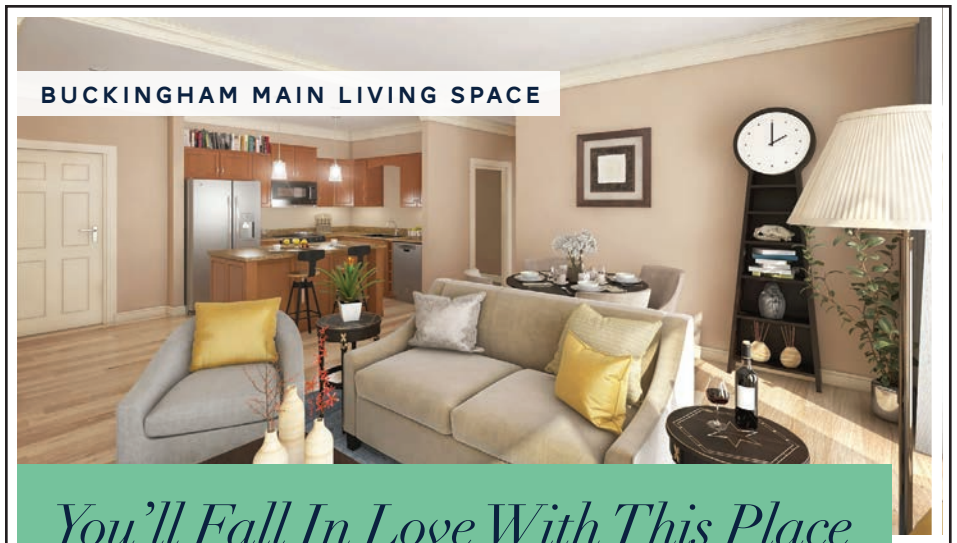

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Help secure a $100,000 grant

Ädelbrook is one of 15 finalists in the nation, and the only one in Connecticut, to be in the running to win $100,000 from Farmers Insurance Dream Big Teacher Challenge. But to win, it needs to get the most votes.

Beginning Sept. 29, people can vote online for Ädelbrook daily to help it get the much-needed funds to help its children succeed. Go to https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/vote-for-a-teacher/.

Ädelbrook's Dream Big project is designed to create innovation spaces fueled by a science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) curriculum that supports student development of basic job skills through vocational and career readiness programs throughout its five special education schools.

The school serve students ages 3-21 who have autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. This project addresses the root causes of unemployment in these young people such as a lack of job skills, opportunities to learn and practice job skills, assistance in developing life skills that support good work habits and appropriate educational experiences that build marketable skills.

Innovation spaces will expand the existing STEM curriculum to include the arts so that the school can ignite educational excitement in young people while fostering hands-on vocational and career programming. Students will learn basic, intermediate and advanced skills through the use of technology.

Funding benefits summer programs

For individuals with autism, having the summer off is not necessarily a good thing. The lack of routine and structure tend to result in regression of behaviors and skills learned during the school year.

That is why Ädelbrook is profoundly grateful to the generous donors who helped fund its seven-week Extended School Year program that provided students with a safe, fun summer experience. They enjoyed a summer themed with "Connecting to Connecticut."

Contributions were received from American Savings Foundation, Camp Squanto, Swanzey N.H. Central Region Community Services Fund, employees of Frontier Communications, Karl B. Christofferson, Congregational Church of South Glastonbury, Mary Jane Converse, Covenant Children's Ministries, Eversource Energy, Light Rigging Company, Lily Palmer Fry Memorial Trust Bank of America N.A. Trustee, Garry and Gail Mullaney, William C. Nolan and the Rocky Hill Congregational Church, along with other individuals and groups.

Police officer sues town

Officer Sarah Alicea is suing the town of Cromwell, alleging that she was the victim of illegal discrimination when she was pregnant. She gave birth to a baby girl this past month.

Alicea is one of the department's two school resource officers and was honored for her work along with fellow SRO Jason Tolton at the 2016 Mayor's Charity Ball. Her lawsuit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, contends that the town and police department should have allowed her to perform light duty during her pregnancy.

Instead, according to a report posted on the ACLU's website, she was forced to take four months of unpaid leave. Alicea's husband is a U.S. Army veteran who was wounded while serving in Afghanistan and she is the family's primary wage earner.

Town manager and former police chief Anthony Salvatore responded to the lawsuit with the following statement:

"The town of Cromwell does not comment on the substance and details of pending lawsuits and claims. However, what I can say is that the town of Cromwell believes it has complied with state and federal law, as well as the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. The town intends to defend itself against these allegations."

A posting on its website indicates that the ACLU filed the lawsuit on Aug. 28. Salvatore said that, as of Sept. 11, the town had not yet been served with legal papers regarding this matter. **CL**

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Ed Lorenson and Edie Judd, 86, are twins. They have three brothers who lived at Covenant Village.

Siblings Ed Lorenson, Edie Judd and Harold Lorenson had a delightful time at the reunion.

Carolyn Lorenson, a current resident of Covenant Village of Cromwell, chats with her granddaughter Monica.

Among those in attendance at the July 16 reunion were, from left, Phoebe and Laura Lorenson, Edie Judd, Carolyn and Joan Lorenson.

Covenant Village of Cromwell resident Joan Lorenson enjoyed the day's activities.

Courtesy photos

Marking a family tradition

Well before Covenant Village of Cromwell opened its doors in 1957, hundreds of children from the churches of the East Coast Conference ran around those same grounds and swam in the swimming hole at summer Bible camp.

Covenant Children's Home, founded by the conference in 1900, was on this same site at 52 Missionary Road. Edwin Anderson, the great-grandfather of current Covenant Village of Cromwell resident Carolyn Lorenson, was its first administrator in 1906.

Edwin may not have known it then, but his role marked the beginning of a legacy at Covenant Village of Cromwell. Generations of his family including grandparents, aunts, and uncles have lived or are living at this community. Carolyn Lorenson, soon to be 90, met her future husband, Fred, on the Covenant hilltop just after World War II.

The hilltop was a gathering place for Evangelical Covenant Church members and, before Pilgrim Pines opened in New Hampshire, it served as a summer camp with tents for dormitories. It is considered by many as the home of the "original tailgate party."

Covenant Village of Cromwell hosted six generations of Lorensons for a family reunion on that hilltop July 16. The photos accompanying this story were taken at that reunion. **CL**

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Adam Wurtzel '07
Communication Major

Adam Wurtzel is a promotions producer at Fox 17-TV in Nashville, and has interviewed such celebrities as Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers and Cyndi Lauper as host, writer and producer of "The Pickup," a country music news feature carried on the Heartland Network and more than 100 radio station websites. "I literally owe everything to Eastern, where I learned the inner workings of television — tools I use every day at work."

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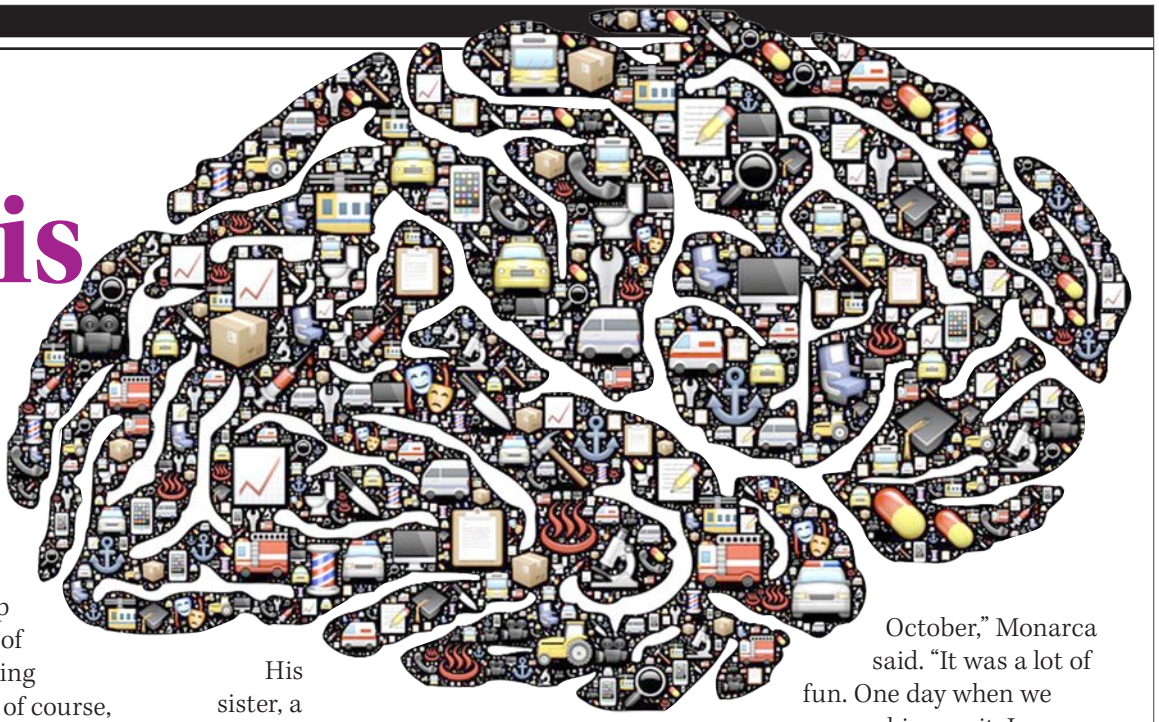
Escape room opens in town

by Mara Dresner
Staff Writer



If one can always figure out whodunit before Miss Marple, Jessica Fletcher or the children on "Scooby Doo", maybe one is ready to take on a real-life mystery – a puzzle room. Mind Puzzlers of Cromwell opened earlier this year on Main Street.

Jonathan Gerolami, who owns the business with his sister Melissa Monarca, works in insurance company credentialing. However, the puzzle room dovetails into long-time interests.

"As far back as I can remember, I've had a love of brain games, primarily mazes, word puzzles, role-playing, board games, table-top war games etc., a love of old movies, and anything sci-fi and fantasy, and of course, Halloween. Halloween is my favorite time of year," he said.

"From like the first grade on, we went to all the local Middletown haunts. What got me hooked was, in those days, the Wesleyan Haunt actors would come into our classes, dress up and scaring us. Total fun."

His sister, a nurse certified in wound care and ostomies, shares his love of the holiday. The two worked at various haunted attractions, meeting others in the community and learning what goes into creating the haunts.

"He was the one who got me into volunteering time every October," Monarca said. "It was a lot of fun. One day when we were working on it, I remember saying I would love to work on it full time. And then we decided, you know what, how we would like to open up our own haunt some day.

"It would be very detailed to Jon's expectations. Jon has an artistic background. Of course, it takes a

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tremendous amount of money. So we were thinking of ideas to generate the money," she added.

"And it spiraled into an escape room that would be a year-round fun thing to do that could generate the money to do an upscale haunt. Our eventual goal is to give back to the community."

At the time, there were two others who were thinking of joining them in the project.

"We had a good mixture of the skills we needed. We were trying to help our fellow haunters out, make more money and find a way to give back," Gerolami said.

A consultant they knew had run both escape rooms and haunted houses and the siblings began to see the possibilities in the former.

"You can do a lot of different story lines. I love building sets, doing the different story lines. It all comes together with escape rooms," Gerolami said.

He has done everything from acting to building, set designing and art directing.

"I love storytelling which comes from role playing, radio shows, myth, folklore reading and like, and so that is why the story aspect is so important to me. My sets, themes and adventures generally originate from my love of classic movies and shows which inspire me greatly."

Photo by Mara Dresner

Jonathan Gerolami and his sister Melissa Monarca have opened Mind Puzzlers, an escape room on Main Street.

They first looked in the New Haven area, before the father of a friend of Monarca helped them secure their Cromwell location.

"The dream has slowly evolved. At first we looked to the escape room business to raise money for a haunt, but the more we work at it, the more I saw a different potential. What we are doing now, in a basic form but hope to expand in all future plans, is not to sell an escape room or a haunt, but give customers experiences, an adventure and most crucial, a story," Gerolami explained.

They prefer the term puzzle room rather than escape room. His set design experience is on display with the level of detail. Unlike other rooms, they will give participants an unlimited number of clues to help them solve the mystery and unlock the door.

There is another major difference between Mind Puzzlers and some other similar businesses.

"In some escape rooms, someone is escaping from something. That's where that term comes from, the fear factor. We're trying to get away from that. We try to keep it separate from our other love," Monarca said.

"Not everybody wants that. We get a lot of families in here."

"Except for Halloween season events, we are planning to keep scaring out of our puzzle room events," Gerolami added.

While there's no firm minimum age limit, they said age 13 seems to work well unless a child is especially into puzzles or has done similar activities before.

Gerolami and Monarca are also

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renting the space next to theirs and would like to open a second puzzle room, but finances and manpower are considerations. While in the planning stages, they lost the two other people who were originally interested in the project.

"We're renting the store next door. We have a story line written. It's been written since we opened up this one," Monarca said.

"We need cash flow and personnel. We need more manpower to run the rooms in order to get that going, then will be able to switch this one more."

They also want to be able to offer seasonal events for holidays such as Halloween and Christmas, as well as regularly offer new puzzles to bring customers back to the current puzzle room. They have a goal of partnering with charities once both rooms are operational.

So far, the duo have been enjoying working with one another.

"I think I'm good at calming you down when you start getting a little nervous about things," Monarca said to her brother.

"For instance, I had gone on vacation and he had worked two weekends by himself. So the last two weekends, I had to work by myself and he kept calling. I said, 'Would you take the time and relax?' Because we're brother and sister, I think it blows over easier."

"My ideal client is someone that likes immersion and goes not just for puzzle solving but for the story and adventure, too."

– Jonathan Gerolami

"I kind of avoid pushing her buttons," he said.

While one may find either or both of them at the store, they also know when to stay in their lane.

"My strength is more the creative side, the story line, just putting the game together. I know my poor area is communication," Gerolami said. "I'm not good on social skills. That's why I toss her to the vendors."

So far, it's working. While they're still not able to get the second room up and running, Monarca said that they're above water. Perhaps more importantly, people who have been through the puzzle room consistently ask when the next room will be ready because they want to come back.

Kelly Rubinow of Middletown recently tried Mind Puzzlers as part of a group of eight.

"I enjoyed the entire experience from beginning to end. It was fun looking for clues, working as a team and solving the puzzle with only two seconds left. The most fascinating part of the experience, for me, was the fact that for the complete hour, I thought of nothing other than what I was engaged in," she said.

Gerolami's set design experience is clear in the detail throughout the room.

"We have a solid story-line based game. It's different than most of them. Some escape rooms have an Egyptian theme with lasers in it," he said.

Monarca said people often learn a little something about themselves and the friends and family who join them.

"It's fun to see what different strengths you don't realize you have until you go through any escape room. It's a lot of fun to see who ends up being the leader and all the different roles each [person in the] group ends up playing," she said.

Ultimately, it's about having fun while solving the puzzle.

"My ideal client is someone that likes immersion and goes not just for puzzle solving but for the story and adventure, too. The more you get into the character, we will do likewise," Gerolami said.

An ideal customer is "someone that likes mystery stories, brain games and searching for clues and one not caught up in competitive speed or think of it as a race. We are not out to defeat anyone, and if your bag is to crunch the game or beat the best time, then more power to you, but these people are not who I am truly aiming for," he added.

"We focus on family and friends outings and a good teamwork game. Our current story is based around doing a good deed and feeling good about completing the game." **CL**

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LIFE *in the classroom*

Cromwell Middle School rolls out one-to-one computer initiative

by Allie Rivera
Staff Writer

As the school bells rang to start a new year, students at Cromwell Middle School were provided a new piece of technology that will drastically alter the way they learn.

All students throughout the school were assigned Chromebooks, personal laptops on which they can do their homework, explore in-depth lessons and communicate with their teachers and fellow students.

"What a tremendous shift in opportunity this is for us," Principal Ann Cocchiola said. "Our goal this year is to really integrate that technology into instruction."

After gaining budget approval in May, the rollout began shortly before the school year started, with faculty and staff being provided both the technology and instruction on its use in the weeks before school.

"We're working to become more digitally savvy," Cocchiola said.

Once students arrived for the start of school, the rollout was kicked into high gear.

"Our tech team has been tremendous through all of this," she said. "We had to roll out almost 500 computers in three days."

Each student was assigned his or her own Chromebook for which they are responsible, ensuring that it is with them and ready to use throughout the day.

"We tell them with great power comes great responsibility," Cocchiola said, quoting a widely known line from the film "Spiderman." "They're responsible for charging it at night and making sure you have them for class because it's an integral part of the class now, just like a textbook."

She said the teachers are already excited about the possibilities this new technology can offer.

"There's been a great level of excitement," she said. "Teachers are meeting in their common planning time and going over all they can do."

Along with the physical technology, the school has also begun using various programs to facilitate instruction, including the use of the Google Classrooms platform.

The program, which all students are able to use, aims to simplify the classroom by providing a digital space to assign, collect and grade assignments. The platform also opens new means of communication between students and teachers, as well as students with one another.

"I think it's good because if you ever forget something, you can always go back in Google Classroom and get it," seventh-grader Ethan Pierson, 12, said. "Our teachers can help us there if we need it, and if you're sick, you don't have to come back to school and get all your work that you missed. You can keep up."

That flow of communication allows students who may feel they are falling behind to keep up with their teachers as well as help those who may need assistance in learning how to organize their workload.

"I have the ability to send a reminder about assignments out to the students," STEM teacher Douglas Kiss said. "We have this technology now to do so much that we wouldn't have been able to do in the past."

Having the majority of work assigned and completed digitally is also a way for the school to use less paper.

"It's an integral part of the class now, just like a textbook."
– Principal Ann Cocchiola

Seventh-grader Katie King, 12, uses her new school-issued Chromebook during her STEM coding class at Cromwell Middle School. The new technology is being utilized in classrooms throughout the school.

"Instead of having to keep track of five million papers, you just have to keep track of one Chromebook," Ethan said.

"It's great because you always have all of your assignments with you," added fellow seventh-grader Katie King, 12.

For most of the students at the middle school level this level of digital communication is all that they have ever known.

"This is how our generation uses technology," 12-year-old James Rodriguez said. "Having them also helps us get ready for our technologically involved society."

Like any major shift, the rollout of the one-to-one initiative comes with some concerns. The primary issue Cocchiola has faced is concern about digital citizenship and cyber bullying.

"It's a message that we're all sending together as a school about the importance of it," she said. "This technology is not given without parameters and instruction."

Some of that instruction comes from direct lessons on digital citizenship with Celeste Stearns, the library media specialist.

"Our large message is that they have to be conscious of their digital footprint," Stearns said. "It's so hard for them to recognize those long-term effects at this age, but you have to be conscious of what you are posting."

Through constant and consistent lessons, Cocchiola, Stearns and the rest of the faculty hope to be proactive in preventing misuse of technology, thus allowing the benefits of the Chromebooks to be the primary use.

"They hear it over and over and over," Stearns said. "They are getting it from everyone in the building."

Along with ensuring that their own digital footprint is clean, students are also taught through a variety of lessons how to judge sources they come across for validity.

"We talk about how to evaluate what you're looking at," Stearns said. "It's all coming at you so rapidly, they need to learn how to discern what's real and what's not. We really try to give them that skill."

Cromwell Middle School is looking forward to fully discovering how this technology can be used to best advantage.

"It just allows us to move forward and create students who are digitally proficient," Cocchiola said. "We're all just so excited." **CL**

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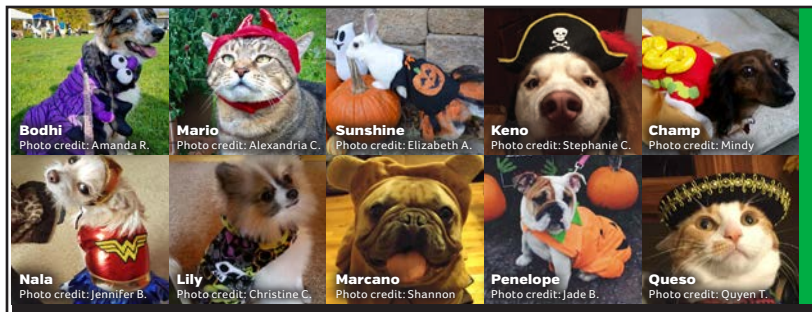

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Four-legged crime fighter

New police K9 team patrols the town for Cromwell police

by Mark Jahne
Editor

Specially trained dogs have long been part of law enforcement agencies across the country, including here in Cromwell. Now there's a new dog working with the two-legged officers and he's getting rave reviews for his skills.

Bane is a 2-year-old male German shepherd who still has the joy and energy of a puppy. He loves to run and play and chase his favorite toy, a ball attached to a short piece of rope.

Do not confuse that playful nature with his training as a police dog. This canine is smart, focused, highly trained and can be fierce if needed. His partner is Officer John Carlson, a town native who has been with the department for more than four years.

"He's a blast, he's awesome," Carlson said as he tossed the ball and let Bane get some exercise at the start of a recent Tuesday evening shift.

Their patrol car has a specially designed back seat to accommodate the dog but he loves to ride in the front passenger seat when Carlson lets him do that.

When Bane is not actively working a scene he is social and friendly. Carlson has begun taking him to the schools so that students can witness some of his special training. The ball on the rope is not just for play, it's also a tool used to reinforce obedience training.

"Every day I try to do something different with him to keep him on point," Carlson said.

Bane can track, perform criminal apprehensions and search buildings. He immediately responds to any command Carlson gives him, regardless of his state of excitement or aggression at the moment.

"Once we get him certified with drugs [detection] we'll be able to do even more," he said.

Sometimes the pair is assigned to work a specific patrol district. The officer prefers those days and evenings when they have the freedom to roam the entire town or even respond to neighboring communities that may need the services of a police dog for a few hours.

"I work a swing shift," he said.

Police dispatchers have been instructed to contact nearby towns any time they hear radio chatter on the regional "hot line" about the need for a dog. Carlson was disappointed on this particular evening when Wethersfield PD sent out a request for a K9 team and Newington PD beat him to the opportunity.

He has enjoyed his time with his dog.

"I got Bane in March," Carlson said.

The dog was bred in the Czech Republic and came to CPD through the Kennel Zo Slovenskeho Dvora in Trumbull. Carlson had three dogs from which to choose and Bane immediately stood out.

The pair then had to train together to determine whether man and dog were a good match. They spent 15 weeks in an intensive K9 program taught by the State Police before they were certified as a law enforcement team.

It was night when Carlson, Bane and new Officer Mitchell Brooks went to an open field along Berlin Road. Brooks was instructed to walk the length of the field and hide somewhere behind a nearby business so that Bane could practice his tracking skills.

The drill was held up briefly when a red fox appeared nearby. Officers shooed it away and Bane was released and sent on his way with Carlson holding the leash.

The dog initially picked up the scent of the fox but shook it off after a few moments and went back to sniffing for a human suspect. Carlson said such olfactory distractions are good because his partner will likely experience them during real tracking events.

It wasn't long before Bane found Brooks hiding in some bushes. He alerted Carlson by laying down and facing the suspect.

When Carlson stopped a car for a motor vehicle violation later in the evening Bane sat up and watched him closely the entire time his pal was out of the cruiser.

Carlson carries a remote-control device on his belt that can open the rear doors of his vehicle if he gets into a tussle and needs Bane to come to the rescue. The dog knows that if he hears the click and the doors swing open Carlson is in distress and he will aggressively take down the suspect.

The team went back to the scene of the tracking drill to look for an item that Carlson believed he dropped during the exercise. Bane was let off leash and told to undertake the hunt.

He engaged in a quick but orderly zigzag search pattern and found the item in less than a minute, laying down next to it as he is trained to do until his partner arrived.

Fellow officers working the same shift praised Bane as the best dog the department has ever had. They like his demeanor, his intelligence, his training and more.

The pair returned to headquarters and decided to do another training exercise with the help of Brooks. He was instructed to go upstairs and hide in a room.

Carlson and Bane entered the building and went up the stairs. Carlson engaged in training protocol by shouting out his identity twice. He followed that with words of serious warning:

"Come out or I will send my dog, who will bite you."

Photos by Lisa Brisson

"Every day I try to do something different with him to keep him on point."
– Officer John Carlson

Brooks, who was protected by a bite sleeve on his right arm, did not come out, so Bane used his nose to search the floor and discovered the room where the suspect was hiding. He barked twice, as he is trained to do, to give the suspect one last chance to surrender peacefully.

When the door opened, the dog launched himself at Brooks and bit firmly onto the protective sleeve, not letting go until told to do so by Carlson. He immediately dropped his aggression and lay down by his partner's feet.

Various websites indicate that the power of a German shepherd's bite ranges between 230-240 per square inch. That's a lot of force to go with those teeth.

When he is not working, Bane is the family dog of Carlson and his wife. He will continue to live with them after his working days are over. Town government provides food and veterinary care and a big part of the purchase price and training were covered by a community fund-raising campaign.

"We had a huge fundraiser at Chicago Sam's and we raised a ton of money. We used that to buy the dog and to fund the program," Carlson said.

Cromwell police officers wear Kevlar vests to help protect them from firearms and knives and Bane will be getting his own special vest, which is being donated, to provide him with extra safety as well. **CL**

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Kitchen cents

Where to splurge and how to save

by Lynn Woike
LIFE Staff

Whether you're building, remodeling or just updating your kitchen, some things are worth splurging on. Where you splurge and where you save in the kitchen depends on the client, said Eric Sharp, manager of SK Lavery Appliance in Glastonbury.

For instance, clients who love to cook will likely splurge on a range, and those who entertain often or have large families may be more likely to spend more for a dishwasher with a shorter cycle.

"Splurge on what you use the most," Sharp said, adding, "Some people even own two dishwashers."

He has noticed that if someone splurges on one thing – such as a beverage center – they are likely to "splurge on everything to get that awesome-looking kitchen ... so everything matches."

Other customers are willing to mix and match brands to save.

There's a lot to splurge on, he said, such as microwaves in a drawer under the counter and a refrigerator that take pictures of its contents so that you can check to see if more milk is needed or you're out of ketchup. While refrigerator doors have been dispensing water and ice for years, some now have Keurig K-Cup brewing systems in the doors.

"You can spend some money if you want to," Sharp said.

"The trending splurge is the induction electric cooktop range that performs like gas," he said, noting that customers who see it in the showroom see how it performs like gas but is much easier to clean.

"I think people should splurge on cooking," said Brian Zippin of Contractors Home Appliances, East

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Granby, noting that people are eating out less and preparing more of their meals at home.

Those who like to cook can consider a more powerful or a larger range. By expanding from the standard 30-inch models, customers can get additional features including more burners, griddles, grills, a convection oven and a proofing feature, he said.

To save money on appliances, he suggested shopping "the calendar holidays" such as Columbus Day, Labor Day, July 4th and Black Friday, which has turned into the entire month of November.

"The whole month of November, the manufacturers are very aggressive," Zippin said.

Another way to save is to take advantage of offers and promotions. For instance, buying four appliances from one manufacturer results in a $400 rebate and a 10 percent rebate from another, he said. Other times, a manufacturer might offer a free dishwasher when you buy a range.

Many people "like to show off the jewelry – like the faucets and the cabinet hardware and the appliances," said Jim Corthouts, general manger at Home Design District and Holland Kitchens in West Hartford.

"So, the place to save in doing that would be the cabinetry," he said, noting that cabinets have the largest price tag and the largest fluctuation when it comes to price. "You have the largest control over your budget when choosing cabinets."

"Splurge on what you use the most. Some people even own two dishwashers."
–Eric Sharp

There is a 60 percent difference in price between the high-end custom cabinetry and the least expensive line. Semi-custom options offer even more savings, Corthouts said.

He suggested customers save money by delaying the installation of a separate buffet area or a wet bar, and by not choosing a built-in refrigerator. Sinks and countertops are other places you can save some money in the kitchen. If you have hardwood floors you can salvage, that would also reduce remodeling costs.

"It's important not to cut corners in lighting. You want to have a really good lighting plan," he said, noting that LED lights are coming down in cost.

What will save you the most, Corthouts said, is having "someone who's been around the block" help you design your space.

"They're going to be able to help someone with their budget more than any other thing. A good professional kitchen designer knows how to help people save money. We do it as part of our service," he said.

"The price of the cabinets is where they never should cut corners," said David Szydlo, president of Creative Kitchen and Bath in Canton.

The custom options, workmanship, installation expertise and the length of the warrantee it comes with all determine the price. While he offers a lifetime warrantee, three years is common with some businesses.

Most people are not looking at long-term value, instead preferring to buy the least expensive cabinets.

"The old adage is true," Szydlo said, "You get what you pay for. ... Go with someone reliable who will give you a fair price."

The one place he suggested for saving money was to go with a Formica laminate kitchen countertop rather than quartz or granite. CL

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Every square inch

How to make the most of under-the-stairs space

by Allie Rivera
Staff Writer

In any multi-level home, the space underneath the stairs can often be an afterthought, a strange collection of miscellaneous items that haven't found a home elsewhere in the house. With a bit of design and forethought, however, that space can be utilized in a variety of ways that are both fun and functional.

"Especially for younger homeowners whose interior living space may be more limited, using that space effectively and efficiently can improve everyday living and all the activities that go with it," said Daniel Bailey, owner of Heartwood Designs & West Hartford Radiator Cover.

A woodworker and designer for over 40 years, Bailey said he first began thinking about creative uses for under-stair space when he and his wife lived in Europe.

"The population density was higher and living spaces generally smaller, but equipped to provide adequate interior storage and accommodate lifestyle needs," he said.

According to Bailey, the space underneath a staircase can be converted to increase livable space, but it is important that in doing so, people stick with the overall aesthetic of the house.

"Converting unused or vacant space in the home is always a positive if handled in an aesthetically pleasing manner, however it's as easy to

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re-muddle as remodel," he said. "This is where it is important to consult someone with a sense of design. The conversion of the area into livable space needs to coordinate reasonably with the rest of the home."

To turn that area into a livable space, Bailey suggested thinking about the needs of the people of the home. One possibility he suggested is turning it into a homework area for children by adding a small desk or bench.

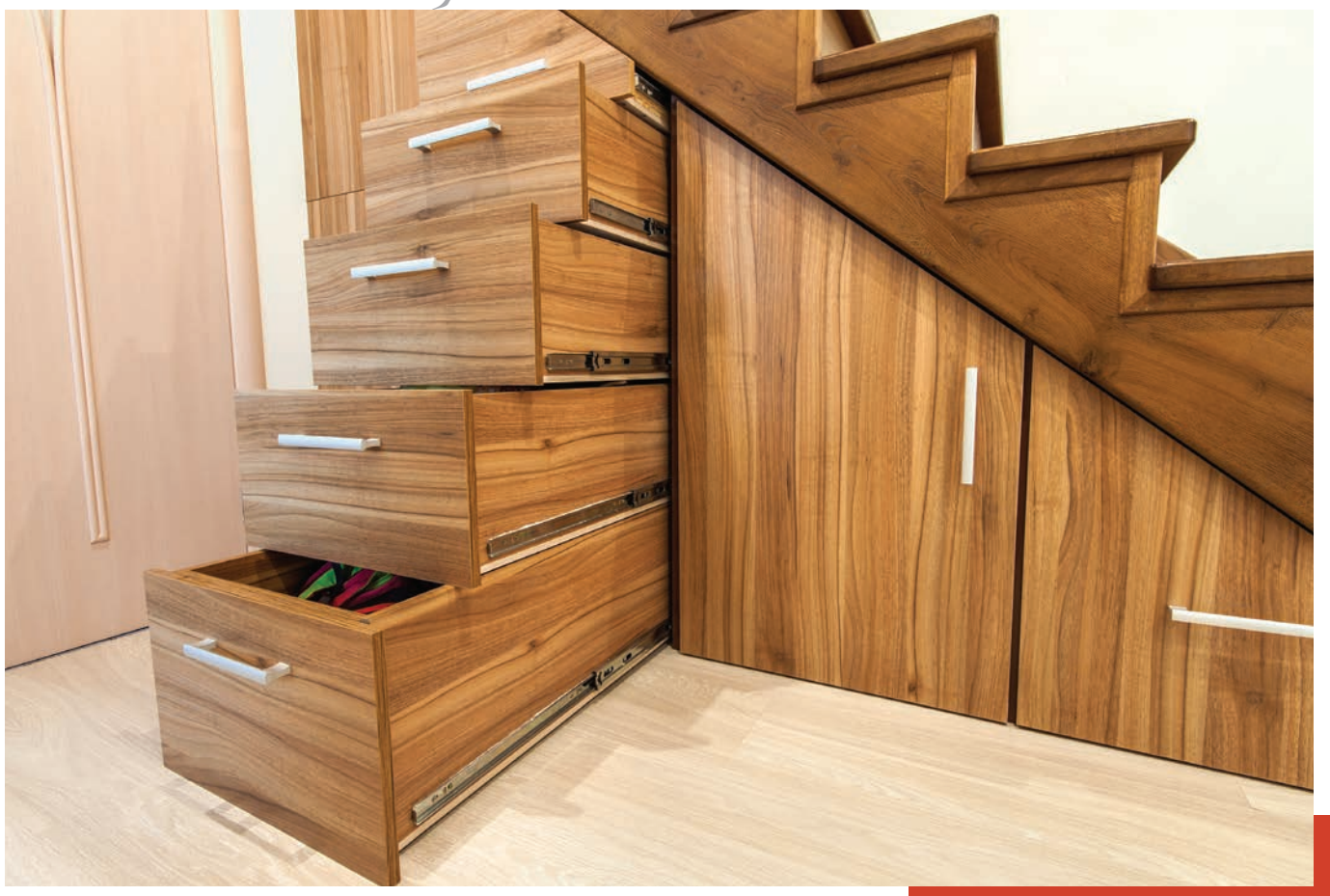
For those looking for a more comfortable space for all ages, Bailey suggested creating a reading nook with a bookshelf.

"Built-ins, such as benches with or without storage, are also an option under the stairs," he said. "The trick is to make these home improvements in a way that is consistent with the interior architecture of the home."

Along with creating more livable space, the under-stair area can also be used to increase storage in unique ways.

"The main thing, I think, would be to use it for something to store," said Roman Szewczak, owner of Expert Kitchens and Bath in New Britain. "Some people do custom drawers that pull out from the side, but it really depends on how your stairs are set up."

Also a professional woodworker, Szewczak said that in his experience he has seen clients build custom storage units to fit in that space, some opting for an additional closet and others looking for visibly pleasing shelving.



For stairs leading down to a basement, Szewczak suggested using the space to create a small wine cellar.

"You can get shelving underneath for it, or waterfall wine racks can be installed," he explained. "They're ones that step down and slide underneath."

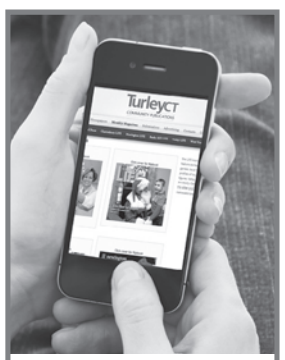
Both designers agreed that when thinking about changing the use of an under-stair space, it is important to consider each situation uniquely.

"It all really comes back to how your stairs are set up," Szewczak said.

To get the most use out of the space, Szewczak and Bailey both suggested contacting an experienced designer who can best determine how to transform the area.

"The visual outcome is as important as the utilitarian," Bailey said. "When it comes to shelving and closets under the stairs, it is important to design and build them for efficiency and convenience, especially in tight living quarters." CL

"The main thing, I think, would be to use it for something to store."
– Roman Szewczak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Letters

Republican candidates list accomplishments

To the Editor:

The four of us – Lindsey Merli, Celina Kelleher, Jeff Matrullo and Mike Camilleri – are proud to be on the ballot this Election Day, Nov. 7, as the Republican candidates for the Board of Education.

Each of us cares deeply about the Cromwell schools. However, we know that Board of Education members play only a small role in helping drive the success of our schools, as the truly important work is done by our school system's incredible staff, teachers, leaders, parents and students.

Each of those individuals is what makes a school system successful and we are grateful for all of their great work, creativity, passion, and drive. We are proud of the successes of the Cromwell school community over the past few years, including:

• Expanded arts programs.

• Creative programs such as the multi-age classrooms at Woodside and the Freshmen Academy at Cromwell High.

• New 21st century courses for STEM, robotics and economics.

• Continued digitization.

• Fiscally responsible budgets.

• Furthered efforts to increase open communication between the schools and the Cromwell community.

Each of us understands that the best way to achieve educational excellence is by making sure our staff, faculty and leadership have the resources they need to do what they do best – create and deploy creative ways of teaching and inspiring our students. We can help drive the right leadership and culture so Cromwell schools continue to be the employer of choice for the best and brightest staff and teachers.

We will continue to focus on initiatives like those above, exploring school building improvements utilizing data analysis and surveys (including better understanding how to improve test scores while not creating a "teach to the test" mindset), and driving a culture of transparency and excellence throughout our schools.

We are proud to partner with Mayor Enzo Faienza and the Town Council and Board of Finance on funding and supporting projects.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our schools or our plans for the future. We look forward to working with the other members of the Board of Education, including the Republican members who are not up for re-election, Jay Fletcher and Megan Midgley.

We are also grateful for the service of outgoing Republican Board of Education member Julie Fitts-Ritter who has decided not to run for re-election. We ask you to consider voting for the Republican Board of Education team.

Lindsey Merli
Celina Kelleher
Jeff Matrullo
Mike Camilleri

Will vote for Wygonowski

To the Editor:

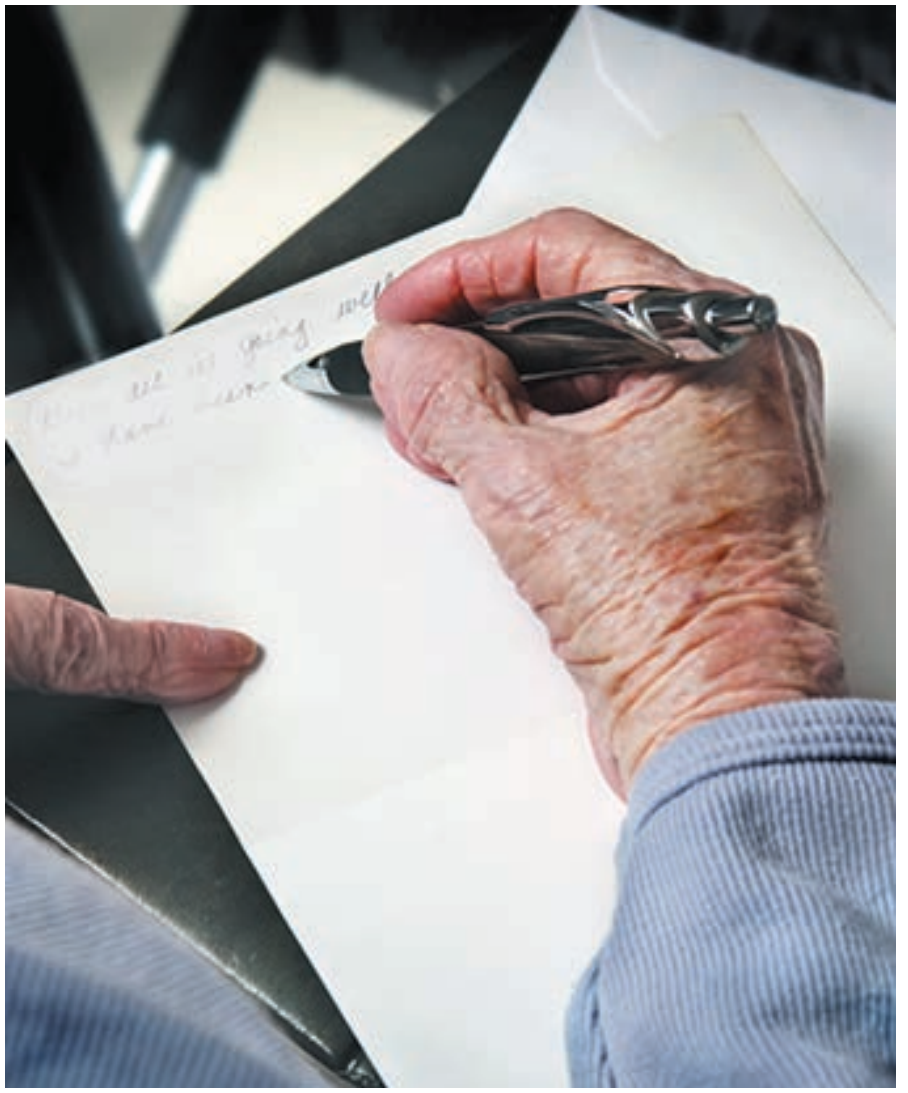
On Tuesday, Nov. 7, we will be electing new Board of Finance members, and I would like to express my endorsement for Steve Wygonowski.

I have known Steve for more than 10 years through the Cromwell scouting program with Boy Scout Troop 26 and its sponsoring organization, the Group of Citizens. Steve has provided critical leadership for managing and keeping the scouting program strong, financially sound and a key part of the Cromwell community.

Steve has volunteered his time with scouts for more than 15 years, serving in a variety of leadership roles for Troop 26, the adult leader troop committee and the Group of Citizens organization. I have witnessed Steve's dedication to the scouting organization as well as his commitment to keeping the organization healthy and focused on the Cromwell community.

Many Eagle scout projects have been shepherded and supported by Steve and resulted in significant improvements to the town of Cromwell. Steve has demonstrated the type of characteristics that I feel confident will help him provide significant contributions to the Cromwell Board of Finance.

Tom Kelleher



Favors Faienza

To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to commend to you and the citizens of my hometown of Cromwell my good friend and associate Enzo Faienza in his campaign for reelection as mayor of Cromwell. We are truly fortunate to have an individual as capable, dedicated and results-oriented as Enzo to serve as the volunteer elected leader of our community.

I moved into Cromwell exactly 30 years ago and I consider it my hometown. Both of my sons are products of the Cromwell school system.

I serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and, in full disclosure, am myself seeking reelection to continue to serve. Working with Enzo in town government has been an inspiration.

The progress of Cromwell with Enzo at our helm speaks for itself. Tight budgets and a high level of service, maintaining an AAA bond rating, major road and infrastructure improvements, LED streetlight conversion, economic development and attracting new businesses to town while keeping those already here, improvements to the quality of life for residents such as park improvements, walking trails, and so on.

Under Enzo's leadership, we are indeed building the bridge to the future. I urge all Cromwell voters, regardless of party affiliation, to reelect Enzo Faienza mayor so that Cromwell can continue to grow and flourish under the leadership of Enzo and his team.

Mark Zampino

Support for Slade

To The Editor

I am writing this in support of Samantha Slade, who is running for re-election for Town Council. Samantha has shown this term the type of leader she is: honest, hard-working and trustworthy.

Samantha is ever present at almost every function in town and goes with little fanfare. One such example was when I called her to see if she wanted to come by and help clean up Pierson Park with Hilltop Church.

She told me she had to

Editorial

Legislature should be ashamed

As this issue went to press, the state legislature was still struggling to adopt a budget, even with the fiscal year onset of Oct. 1 staring it in the face. If they have passed a spending plan by the time you read this, it almost certainly is one that creates pain for cities, towns and taxpayers.

That's because too many elected officials allowed a massive deficit to develop before doing anything about it. There is no quick or painless fix to a deficit of more than $1 billion.

Legislators will tell us that it's not their fault. It's the fault of those who held state office five, seven or 10 years ago. Never mind the fact that many of the people now serving in the House and Senate were in office five, seven or 10 years ago.

One of the problems is that Connecticut has a history of one-party rule in its legislature. That's never a good idea, no matter which political party wields the power. It inevitably leads to complacency.

But before we pile all the blame on the majority Democrats and incumbent Gov. Dannel Malloy we should also remember that over the past 25 years Connecticut had three other governors: independent Lowell Weicker Jr. and Republicans John Rowland and M. Jodi Rell.

They all share in the blame and there is plenty to go around. How did the problem get this bad? Why didn't somebody see it coming and do something about it?

It's easy to spend someone else's money and spend it they have, by the millions. There appears to be no sense of responsibility, no awareness of the need to be stewards of the taxpayers' money.

When the lottery was first introduced it was supposed to be the wonderful new revenue stream that would fund all of the state's fiscal needs. The legislature spent it like drunken sailors and kept right on spending.

Then the Native American casinos came along with a windfall of millions of dollars that would not otherwise have become available. Surely that would solve all the state's fiscal needs. They did the same thing.

Follow that with the state personal income tax. That massive pool of money was going to make state government flush in cash forever. To lessen the sting, the public was promised that it was going to be part of overall tax reform that would reduce the burden in other areas.

We're still waiting. It turned out, as its critics proclaimed, to be one more tax on top of all the others.

Maybe what Connecticut needs is a law such as exists in 19 other state and the District of Columbia to hold recall elections. This allows the public to petition at any time prior to the end of an elected official's term to remove him or her from office.

Maybe that would get their attention.

Letters continued

volunteer that morning as coach for youth soccer, so I did not expect to see her. You can't be everywhere, right? But she came out before her coaching duties and helped for as long as she could.

She could have easily said she was not available but she decided that she had the time and to her it was doing something honorable and helpful to the community. That is the Sam I know and you should, too.

She truly cares about our town and wants to do what's best. She doesn't just talk about what's going on in town, she is there, sometimes literally in the dirt. She is not lip service, but actual service.

This is what I want on Town Council. Someone who understands the dynamics of our town so when the tough decisions need to be made, she is able to fully understand and consider our frustrations, our desires and our love for Cromwell.

Please join me in voting for Samantha Slade to continue representing our great town.

Amanda Drew

Waters seeks the vote

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to ask the citizens of Cromwell for their vote and support for my re-election to the Town Council on Nov. 7.

I have been a lifelong resident of Cromwell and a business owner here for 45 years. It has been an honor to be involved in Cromwell government for more than 20 years, including 12 years as a member of the Board of Selectmen and four years on the Town Council.

With your support, I will continue to speak out on your behalf. I have been a very active volunteer for many community organizations and instrumental in organizing the annual Memorial Day Parade.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 7. Thank you for your continuing confidence in me.

Al Waters

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Color Changing...

It's now officially fall and the annual transition of foliage is underway. Of course, being in New England, we're a tourist destination for leaf peepers, compliments of the vibrant show of color.

Back in June on the summer solstice, we had a total of 15 hours and 14 minutes of possible daylight; by the time we reach the winter solstice, that number shrinks to 9 hours and 7 minutes – a pretty incredible loss of just over 6 hours! As we progress out of summer and into autumn, shorter days and cooler nights signal trees that winter is coming. But before the landscape becomes barren, we are treated to a gorgeous landscape of reds, golds, yellows and all shades in between.

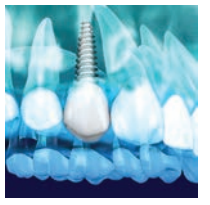
So why or how does the process happen, before the leaves fall from the trees? It basically comes down to a chemical reaction. All of those brilliant colors are always present, they're just masked during the warmer months by chlorophyll, the green pigment. In the fall, the chlorophyll begins to break down, fading away, as water is cut off from entering the leaf (when temperatures drop) allowing all of the other colors to appear.

If you're planning travel to catch the sights of the season, every week we'll be bringing you foliage reports from across Connecticut and the Northeast on Channel 3! CL

Are Dental Implants Right For You?

Replacing teeth with dental implants can be an excellent option for patients to restore lost function and recreate a great-looking smile for those that have suffered from tooth loss. Implants are titanium posts inserted into the jawbone to replace the root portion of a missing tooth, which fuse with the bone, keeping it living and stimulated and your face youthfully supported. Dental implants serve as a foundation for highly natural-looking and functional tooth replacements, and can be used to replace a single tooth up to a full set of top and bottom teeth, now one of Dr. Michalski's top procedures, the "All on 4" fixed implant bridge. This innovative concept uses as few as four implants to replace a full arch of teeth. Because he is also a cosmetic dentist, Dr. Michalski has the unique ability to plan both the surgery and the final smile design. The procedure replaces the problem teeth and the IV sedation he offers creates a relaxed experience.

Since your jaw, teeth and bones have individual characteristics, Dr. Michalski uses his in-house CT scanner for precise implant measurement and 3-dimensional visualization to fully understand the structure of each person's jaw. Combining his expertise and advanced equipment, he is able to locate the best bone structure and choose the ideal implant placement sites for the patient. "Through this procedure we take implant dentistry a step above," says Dr. Michalski. "We take teeth out and the same day put teeth in. We provide our patients with IV sedation and they wake up with new teeth."



As one of his advanced procedures is dental implants, Dr. Michalski is a leader in his field. He has attained Diplomate status in the International College of Oral Implantology, the highest honor in the field. He is a Misch Fellow, a graduate of numerous post doctorate training curriculums and has trained and studied with the best implant surgeons in the world.

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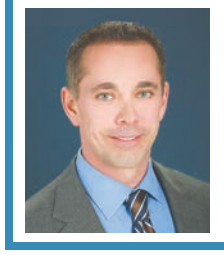

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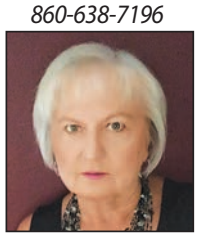

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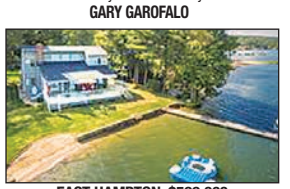

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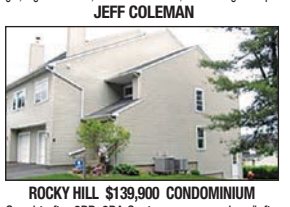

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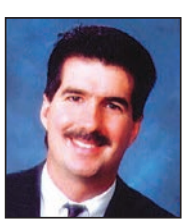

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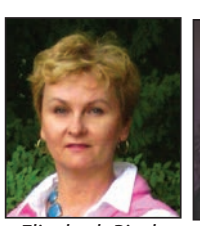

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